



## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2014-0077]

### The Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council Charter.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the establishment of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) in a Federal Register Notice (71 FR 14930-14933) dated March 24, 2006, which identified the purpose of CIPAC, as well as its membership. This notice provides the revised charter signed by Secretary Jeh Johnson on December 7, 2014.

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**Responsible DHS Official:** Renee Murphy, Designated Federal Officer for the CIPAC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Notice of CIPAC Charter Revisions:* The Secretary of Homeland Security extended the CIPAC Charter on March 18, 2014 for a period of two years. This charter has now been revised to further clarify the participation by federally registered lobbyists per the guidance released by the Office of Management

and Budget in Federal Register Notice 79 FR 47482 released on August 13, 2014. The revised charter was signed by the Secretary of Homeland Security on December 7, 2014. The current CIPAC charter is available on the CIPAC website (<http://www.dhs.gov/cipac>).

Purpose and Activity: The CIPAC facilitates interaction between government officials and representatives of the community of owners and/or operators for each of the critical infrastructure sectors defined by Presidential Policy Directive 21 and identified in *National Infrastructure Protection Plan 2013: Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience* (NIPP 2013). The scope of activities covered by the CIPAC includes: planning; coordinating among government and critical infrastructure owner and operator security partners; implementing security program initiatives; conducting operational activities related to critical infrastructure protection security measures, incident response, recovery, and infrastructure resilience; reconstituting critical infrastructure assets and systems for both manmade and naturally occurring events; and sharing threat, vulnerability, risk mitigation, and infrastructure continuity information.

Organizational Structure: The NIPP 2013 organizes the critical infrastructure community into 16 critical infrastructure sectors. Each of these sectors has a Government Coordinating Council (GCC) whose membership includes: (i) A lead Federal agency that is defined as the Sector-Specific Agency; (ii) all relevant Federal, State, local, tribal, and/or territorial government agencies (or their representative bodies) whose mission interests also involve the scope of the CIPAC activities for that particular sector; and (iii) a Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) whose membership includes critical infrastructure owners and/or operators or their representative trade associations.

CIPAC Membership: CIPAC Membership may include:

- (i) Critical Infrastructure (CI) owner and operator members of a DHS-recognized Sector SCC, including their representative trade associations or equivalent organization members of an SCC as determined by the SCC.
- (ii) Federal, State, local, and tribal governmental entities comprising the members of the GCC for each sector, including their representative organizations; members of the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council; and representatives of other Federal agencies with responsibility for CI activities.

CIPAC membership is organizational. Multiple individuals may participate in CIPAC activities on behalf of a member organization.

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